Royal Assent to Bills.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Sir, I have to announce to the Council that the Ancient Monuments Preservation Bill, passed by the Council on the 30th of Vrischigom 1103 (15th of December 1927) received the gracious assent of His Highness the Maharaja on the 27th of Makaram 1110 (9th of February 1935).

Placing of Statement.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Sir, under Rule 52 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to place on the table the following statement of expenditure authorised by Government under section 16 (9) of the Legislative Council Regulation, VIII of 1098.

Item	Amount Rs.	Remarks
7-Excise-B. Matches.	1,000 500 1,40,000	In connection with the administration of the Matches Excise Duty Regulation an expenditure of Rs. 1,41,500 as detailed below was found necessary. As there was no provision for the expenditure in the current year's budget, the additional allotment was sanctioned. 7. *Excise-B-Matches.* Rs. 1,000—(1) Charges for supply and issue of banderols. Rs. 500—(2) Refund of duty. Rs. 1,40,000—(3) Contribution to the Government of India.
14. General Administration. VIII—Economic Depression Loan.	8,668	In connection with the economic depression relief measures special loan scheme an amonnt of Rs. 8,668 under votable was urgently required. Additional allotment was therefore sanctioned.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Sir, on a point of information, may I know when the second allotment mentioned in this statement was sanctioned?

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Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—It was sanctioned on the 4th March.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was it prior to the last meeting of the Standing Finance Committee?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—No. After the standing Finance Committee meeting.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is this not an item which could have waited till this meeting is over?

President.—I do not think you can discuss it in this way.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—We should like to know the urgency of this expenditure.

President.—Under Rule 52 you cannot go so far.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Under Rule 16 (9) expenditure for a very urgent necessity only can be included in this Statement. We should like to know what the urgency was. Could you not have waited till the meeting is over?

President.—We are practically discussing the urgency then, which is not allowed under the Rules. I am sorry I can't allow it. We must take it to be urgent.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—The order was passed on the 4th of March. That is only a few days back. I should like to know whether that is not objectionable. Where was the urgency in spending that amount? That is a point the House is entitled to know.

President.—Entitled to know, but not in this form.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Rule 52 says that it shall not be discussed. We only want to know what was the urgency, by way of information.

President.—I am sorry I can't allow it.

Supplementary Grants.

1—Land Revenue—D. Contingencies—L. Law Charges—Rs. 1,500.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 1,500 under 1—Land Revenue—D. Contingencies—L. Law Charges. The allotment under 'Law Charges' (Land Revenue) is only Rs. 1,000 and the whole of this amount has already been spent. A large number of suits for the recovery of arrears of British Water cess and pattom

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